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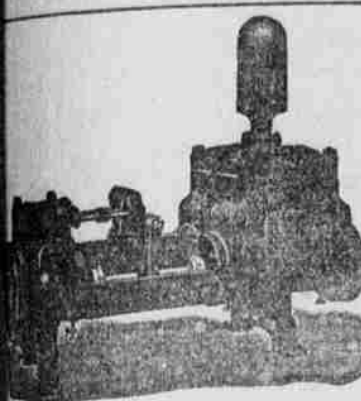
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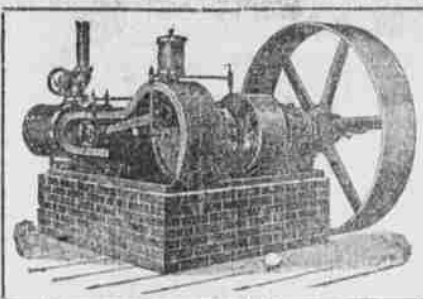


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SHOTGUNS IN THE CORNERS

Sherman Bell, of Rough Rider Fame,
in Command of Guards.

EXCITING TIMES AROUND CAPITAL

Rumored That an Absent Democrat Has
Been Kidnapped.

BY AGENTS OF THE REPUBLICANS

Senator Teller Counsels Upholding the
Majesty of the Law—Wolcott Says
He Will Fight to a Finish.

Denver, Colo., January 22.—Before the
democratic members of the senate and
house assembled in joint session at noon to-
day they held a meeting, at which they
listened to speeches by Senator Teller and
other leaders. United States Senator
Thomas H. Patterson said that Senator
Teller felt keenly the neglect of six dem-
ocrats to vote yesterday. He said that the
conference had been called in order that
Senator Teller might make a statement.
Former Governor Adams, Charles S. Thom-
as and Thomas J. O'Donnell declared that
Teller was the only logical candidate, and
that the only thing for the party to do was
to elect him senator.

Senator Teller was greeted with applause.
He said he had not attended the meeting
for the purpose of making a speech. He de-
clared he believed the democratic party was
paralyzing the interests of any one man. He
said he had not withdrawn and did not
intend to withdraw. If things came to
such a pass that the party could not agree
upon him, he was willing that his friends
should support the party choice.

Mr. Teller said the senate acted properly
in calling for the joint session yesterday.
When the last election was over the dem-
ocrats had a majority of ten on the first
ballot and by every precedent in American
politics the democrats were entitled to the
senatorship.

The senator criticized the republicans for
their action in the house. He also de-
clared the republican senators, and held
that the question to the democrats was
whether the majority of the law should be
maintained.

The meeting then adjourned, and at noon
the joint session was called to order.
Fifty democratic members of the legisla-
ture, one short of a quorum, were present.
Representative William H. Kelly (Dem.)
was absent and the senate sergeant at arms
was instructed to bring him in absentia. No
attempt was made, however, to force the
attendance of republican members.

The joint session settled down for a long
session, for the purpose of testing a bill
for senator. Providing Kelly should be
found, it was rumored that he had been
kidnapped by agents of republicans or dem-
ocrats who wished to have Senator Teller
defeated.

The democratic senators, who are holding
the senate chamber, have agreed, if neces-
sary, to spend the remainder of the ninety-
days of the session in the chamber. They
have adopted a set of rules and regulations
which will govern the members as long
as the present conditions hold out. Each
senator was assigned to a certain amount
of duty as captain of the guard, and a list
was made out giving six senators a night
off.

Leutenant Governor Haggitt's senate
held an executive session today and some
of its members conferred with Governor
Peabody. Various rumors as to the plans
of the republicans are in circulation, but
no definite announcement of what they will
do.

Attorney General Miller is looking up the
law bearing on the controversy, and it is
believed Governor Peabody will be gov-
erned by Miller's advice.

"Certainly not," said E. O. Wolcott, lead-
ing republican for senator, when asked to-
day whether he would withdraw if Senator

THE BATTLE RAGES.

Twelve Dead and Fifteen Wounded Venezuelans Were Counted.

Maracaibo, January 22.—The bombard-
ment of Fort San Carlos by the German
cruisers Vineta, Panther and Falke was
continued yesterday afternoon until 4
o'clock. It was resumed this morning at
daybreak. The first shells were hurled at
the fort at 4 o'clock at long range. They
all fell short. At 6 o'clock the Panther,
being of light draught, closed in and again
became actively engaged. The fort replied.
At 8 o'clock the engagement was proceed-
ing as fiercely as yesterday.

Twelve dead and fifteen badly wounded
Venezuelan soldiers were counted in the
fort at 7 o'clock last night by the corre-
spondent of the Associated Press.

The correspondent left for the mainland
at 8 o'clock this morning.

The Panther left her position, close in to
Fort San Carlos, which she took up early
in the day, Wednesday afternoon at 3
o'clock, and joined the Falke. This was
half a mile outside the bar and about five
miles from the fort.

At 5 o'clock the correspondent of the As-
sociated Press, in a row boat, approached
one side of the fort, out of range, and
from this point witnessed the long range
firing of the German cruisers, which was
continued from 3 until 6 o'clock. The
Vineta and Falke were close together and
nearer the fort than the Panther.

The first two vessels, at a range of four
and a half miles, poured in a continuous
rain of shell on the fort and only stopped
when the advent of dark at 4 o'clock.
At this hour the German vessels retired
seaward, after having made a second inef-
fectual attempt to land troops in the vil-
lage of San Carlos, situated at the base
of the fort.

At 7 o'clock Wednesday afternoon the
correspondent of the Associated Press, who
was accompanied by a government tele-
grapher, bearing a telegram from President
Castro to the commandant of the fort, land-
ed on the island and entered the fort. The
walls of the fort were terribly battered and
there were many evidences of the fierce en-
gagement. Twelve dead Venezuelan sol-
diers were counted behind the ramparts and
fifteen other men, seriously wounded, were
lying on a low platform. The fort is lit-
erally covered with pieces of broken shells.
It was seen that a great many of the Ger-
man shells had not exploded. The magazine
had a very narrow escape, two shells hav-
ing come within an ace of penetrating it.

The walls of the fort, which face toward
the entrance of the lake, suffered particu-
larly and were greatly damaged. There
were no evidences of the fire of the Ger-
man shells, but there were no words
of hatred or insult as they passed the
German stores, which are numerous in Ma-
racaibo.

Last night there was a popular demon-
stration on the streets of this town. The
people paraded, but there were no words
of hatred or insult as they passed the
German stores, which are numerous in Ma-
racaibo.

THE NEWS CONFIRMED

Situation Is Very Grave—May Interfere With Minister Bowen's Mission.

Washington, January 22.—A cablegram has been received from Mr. Russell,
American charge at Caracas, confirming the press report to the effect that three
German warships began to bombard Fort San Carlos yesterday. The cablegram
does not indicate the result of the bombardment, and, in fact, contains no other
detail.

There is a singular reticence on the part of the state department officials,
suddenly developed, in connection with the Venezuelan situation, and especially
with reference to the German bombardment which may be significant of the
gravity with which they view the situation. There is no longer any talk of
exercising friendly influences to prevent these bombardments, but it is difficult
for the department to answer congressional callers, who are asking for a reasonable
explanation. An amusing feature of the situation is the probability that there
may be a more serious interference with Minister Bowen's mission, in which the
United States, though not officially concerned, is deeply interested. There were
rumors about to the effect that the state department had taken steps to point
out to the foreign offices at London, Berlin and Rome, its views on this subject.
But this could not be confirmed, and today it was stated that at present the
attitude of the United States must be one of patient waiting.

Secretary Hay still remains at his home, nursing a slight cold. Such business
as Mr. Bowen has to do with him is transacted at his house. The minister was
up early and cards were refused, save to the German charge, Count Quadt.
The latter returned unexpectedly from New York last night. He had been await-
ing the arrival from Europe of his family. So far as is a fair supposition that his
address return to Washington without meeting his family was brought about by
the untoward turn in Venezuelan affairs. Count Quadt also had a long confer-
ence at the British embassy with Sir Michael Herbert, and he also paid a call
at the Italian embassy, where the ambassador, who is suffering from a slight
indisposition, was unable to see him.

It was stated that nothing in the nature of an answer to Minister Bowen's
proposition for a removal of the blockade as a condition precedent to negotia-
tions had been received from any of the European foreign offices, though it is
admitted that there is a free exchange of notes in progress between the embas-
sies of the European capitals.

About noon Mr. Bowen appeared at the state department and had a short talk
with Mr. Hill and with Assistant Secretary Pierce. He is making a number of
semi-official calls on the foreign embassies and legations, other than the allies,
and it is believed his is in pursuance of his general duty of adjusting any proper
claim they may have against Venezuela. It is the understanding that none of
the countries which refrained from joining in the blockade will be permitted to
suffer by Venezuela in consequence of its forbearance, but that its citizens who
have suffered as a result of the Venezuelan revolutionary movements and other
causes, will, when it comes to a settlement of claims, be placed upon an equality
with claimants from England, Germany and Italy. All this means that when it
comes to a financial settlement, no one nation will have an advantage over any
other, but the Venezuelan interest will be appreciated out very much as the
claimants' fund, on an exact basis of damage sustained, and without re-
gard to nationality. Under this reckoning the few United States claimants will
not be barred from collecting their claims.

Teller would do so. Wolcott said no con-
tingency would arise which would cause him
to withdraw.

The capital of Colorado has a warlike
aspect today, owing to the presence of
armed men in the house chamber and of
a strong guard of policemen in plain clothes
at all entrances to the senate chamber.
Under orders from Governor Peabody, had
taken possession of the State house, prob-
ably had its wings to the fact that House
Sergeant at Arms Plummer had posted
thirty guards in and about the house cham-
ber to resist an anticipated attempt of
the supporters of E. O. Wolcott to capture
the hall. On every desk is a pair of his
revolvers, and in the corners stand many
repeating shotguns. These guards are com-
manded by Sherman Bell of Rough Rider
fame, and James H. Clark, noted for his
fighting prowess.

The house did not meet today, having
adjourned until Friday, but the anti-Wol-
cott republicans in control of the organiza-

NO EXPLANATION YET

British Government Professes Ignor-
ance Concerning Bombardment.

GERMAN AGGRESSIVENESS

As Much Disapproved by British Na-
tion as by the Americans.

THE BERLIN FOREIGN OFFICE

Admits Incident Likely to Renew Anti-
German Agitation in United States.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ALLIES

Have Been Seen Separately by Minister
Bowen and Subject of Raising the
Blockade Was Discussed.

London, January 22.—The British govern-
ment is entirely in the dark regarding the
reasons for the aggressive action of German
naval authorities in again bombarding Fort
San Carlos, at the entrance of Lake Mara-
caibo. The foreign office officials here are
apprehensive of the result of the bombard-
ment. They say no decision has yet been
reached on the question for the suspension
of the blockade.

It was hoped that matters would have
progressed further before now, but that this
is largely based on the belief that Minister
Bowen would reach Washington earlier
than he did. The only press comment on
the second bombardment of San Carlos ap-
pears in the St. James Gazette, which re-
pudiates the aggressiveness of the Germans
and says it trusts "the Americans will un-
derstand that the German proceedings are
as little approved by the British nation as
by themselves."

Diplomatic circles are much aroused by
the news of the bombardment, but the of-
ficials of the various embassies seem
equally as ignorant as the foreign office
regarding its cause. The belief prevails
that the step taken by the German com-
mander will seriously delay the settlement
of the questions in dispute. There are
many indications that the blockade will
not be raised for the present and that the
negotiations at Washington will proceed with
perhaps a modified form of blockade or
some similar arrangement as the prelimi-
nary basis.

The foreign office points out that every-
thing depends on the disposition of the
Venezuelan government. Should the forth-
coming negotiations with Mr. Bowen satisfy
the powers that Venezuela is determined to
do everything possible to meet her obliga-
tions, the powers will terminate the block-
ade at the earliest possible moment. The
belief is expressed that President Castro's
offer to set aside the customs as a guar-
antee may prove to be a workable basis for
a satisfactory solution.

STILL WITHOUT INFORMATION.

No Orders Were Given for the Bombard-

ment.
Berlin, January 22.—Neither the foreign
office nor the navy department has received
reports of the bombardments of San Carlos.
At both places it was declared that no
orders were given to bombard the fort. The
naval officials admit they know the Vineta
was proceeding to Maracaibo, but they did
not anticipate a bombardment. The fore-
ign office regrets extremely that it is un-
able to publish a report on the subject due
to the fact that it is wholly without in-
formation, through defective means of com-
munication by way of Caracas, and owing
to the German consul at Maracaibo being
cut off from reporting by cable to the
authorities at Berlin. The officials admit
that the incident is likely to "renew anti-
German agitation in the United States,"
and say they recognize the disadvantage
Germany is placed in through the impos-
sibility of getting prompt reports from
Venezuela. The foreign office does not
even know what was the purpose of the
Panther in its first action against Fort San
Carlos.

The German government has received a
communication from its charge d'affaires at
Washington, saying that Minister Bowen
has seen the representatives of the allies
separately. The foreign office admits that
the subject discussed was the raising of
the blockade, but the officials here decline
to make any further statement.

BOMBARDMENT INCOMPREHENSIBLE

Possibly Germans Seeking to Regain Lost
Prestige.

Washington, January 22.—The continued
bombardment of Fort San Carlos by the
Germans seems incomprehensible to the of-
ficials of the administration in Washington.
They are casting about for a motive for
this hostile action, but declare themselves
unable to find one unless it be a simple
desire on the part of the Germans to make
a show of force and recover what little
prestige may have been lost in the retreat
of the ship Panther, when she was com-
pelled to retire after shelling the same fort
several days ago. This last act of the Ger-
mans, it is suggested, adds a picturesque
feature to the whole blockade affair, and
gives to them an opportunity to demon-
strate the effectiveness of Germany's naval
strength on the Venezuelan coast. The
bombardment has created a decidedly un-

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